Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 07 Jan 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 08 Jan 2023

Forecast Issued on Saturday 07 Jan 2023 at 02:08 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Saturday. High for changeable weather to continue into next week

Headline for Saturday 07 Jan 2023: Mostly dry morning. Cold and increasingly windy in the afternoon with wintry showers.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 07 Jan 2023

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Light snow	Light snow showers	Light snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability					
20%	20%	40%	30%	30%	40%

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Weather: A few hours of persistent rain at first, briefly turning to snow on the higher tops before it clears east. Then mainly dry in the morning with some sunshine. Strengthening southerly winds will bring a few sleet, hail and snow showers from the west in the afternoon and evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80%

Low cloud and visibility: Generally excellent visibility with great air clarity. Cloud lowering to 800 metres in any showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	19/22 SW	20/23 S	29/34 S	40/49 S	43/54 S	45/57 S	45/58 S
900	18/21 SW	18/21 S	25/31 S	37/46 S	39/50 S	42/54 S	42/55 S
600	12/16 SW	12/15 S	14/20 S	24/33 S	23/35 S	28/40 S	29/43 S
300	3/15 SW	1/13 S	2/18 S	7/33 S	8/38 S	10/41 S	10/42 S
Glen	2/8 W	4/11 S	7/20 S	15/32 SE	17/37 S	18/39 S	19/41 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	0/-6	0/-7	-2/-10	-1/-10	-2/-11	-2/-12	-1/-11
900	1/-5	1/-5	-1/-8	-0/-9	-1/-10	-1/-10	-1/-10
600	3/-2	3/-2	2/-4	2/-4	2/-5	1/-6	2/-5
300	5/4	4/3	4/2	4/1	4/1	4/0	4/0
Glen	7/6	7/6	6/4	6/3	6/2	6/2	6/2
Freezing Level*	1000m	900m	700m	800m	700m	800m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Bitterly cold summit winds, severe gales on the higher tops towards evening.

Forecast for Sunday 08 Jan 2023
Weather: Often cloudy with sleet or snow showers, longer spells of precipitation possible along coastal ranges. Some drier spells of weather inland during the morning. Summit gales in the morning, easing in the afternoon.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 35 mph with gusts to 50 to 60 mph on the tops in the morning. Winds easing down in the afternoon to around 30 mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30%, best chance in the morning in the east

Low cloud and visibility: Very good outside of cloud and showers. Cloud often extensive down to 600 to 800 metres. Combined with snow this may lead to navigational difficulties.

Temperature: **Glens:** 0 rising to 5 Celsius
At 800m: 0 Celsius
Freezing level: 800 metres

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